

In re Patent Application of:  
**BHARDWAJ ET AL.**  
Serial No. 09/977,065  
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6-39, and 41 are currently pending in this application.

The instant Office Action states that the declaration filed February 11, 2002 is insufficient to add Hiroaki Yamada as a named inventor. Accordingly, a Petition to Add Hiroaki Yamada as an inventor to this application, Statements in Support of a Petition to Add an Inventor Under 37 CFR 1.48(a), and a fully executed declaration are being filed under separate cover in correspondence addressed to the Office of Petitions.

Claims 1, 12, 14, 21 and 34 are objected to because of informalities pointed out by the examiner. The applicant has made the necessary corrections and would like to thank the examiner for pointing this out and suggesting the corrections that needed to be made.

Claims 15 to 17 are objected to under 37 C.F.R 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 15-17 have been cancelled.

Claims 14-17 and 27-30 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by an article by Kilian.

Claims 14-17 and 27-30 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite allowance of this application.

Claims 8, 25, 38, and 41 are allowed.

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Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9-13, 21, and 34 are said to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections.

These claims have been amended accordingly and are now believed to be patentable.

Claims 18-20, 22-24, 26, 31-33, 35-37, and 39 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but are said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten in independent form and are now believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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